

September 19, 2011

Annette Petersmeyer, Teacher Piedmont Elementary School - ISD #709 2827 Chambersburg Avenue Duluth, MN 55811

Project #5041

Dear Ms. Petersmeyer:

I am pleased to inform you that the Northland Foundation has reviewed your proposal for the REACH Program – Making Positive Connections between At-Risk Youth and the Community and has approved a grant of \$2,500.00 for the period (9/1/2011 to 4/30/2012) to Piedmont Elementary School - ISD #709. If the timeline for your project is different than what is identified above, please notify us and your reporting date will be adjusted.

Enclosed are two copies of the Agreement of Grantee for your review. If you agree with the conditions presented, please have one copy signed by the authorized official and return it to our office by **September 30, 2011**.

The Northland Foundation will implement a full payment schedule for this grant. If all of the grant conditions are met, this payment will be distributed in the sum of \$2,500.00 in October 2011.

The Northland Foundation will be making public news releases through the regional media regarding all of the grants awarded. Please utilize your community media resources to announce receipt of these funds to your project. The Northland Foundation would appreciate being acknowledged as a source of support in all news releases initiated by you. Please provide us with copies of any press coverage and photographs received by your project, as well as any media releases and program materials you produce. These will be added to your file and may be utilized by the Northland Foundation in our public information efforts.

As you will note, one of the conditions of the Agreement of Grantee is the submission of a final report on the progress, outcomes, and financial activity of your project. We will expect this report from you by **May 31, 2012.**Please provide us sufficient narrative to describe the progress and impact of your project. For your convenience, the reporting form for grants "\$5,000 and Under" is available on-line at www.northlandfdn.org/Grants/ReportingForms. The completed report can be submitted electronically to carole@northlandfdn.org. If you would like to request a paper copy of the report form, contact Carole Saylor at the Foundation.

On behalf of the Northland Foundation, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to you and your organization. Please call Carole Saylor, if you have any questions. I look forward to learning about the progress and success of your project.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Rehier President

Enclosures

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MEDIA ALERT: QWEST FOUNDATION VISITS LOCAL RECIPIENT OF TECHNOLOGY GRANT – LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

School Teachers Discuss How Technology Impacts Student Learning

WHO/WHAT:

• Duluth's Lakewood Elementary teachers Bonnie Fritch and Kimberly Evavold-Bolf will receive a \$7,500 grant check to purchase and integrate a SMART table into their K-3 curriculum. A SMART table will incorporate critical thinking, problem solving and decision making skills in classrooms of young, inquisitive minds. Students will learn and demonstrate the principles of simple machines through research, collaboration and hands on activities via their new SMART table technology.

The Qwest Teachers & Technology grant program identifies, highlights and recognizes Minnesota K-12 teachers who are using technology in the classroom in new and innovative ways. This is the fifth year of the program, and the Qwest Foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants to teachers across the state of Minnesota for the 2011 school year. Teachers were selected through a competitive process administered by the Minnesota Business Partnership (MBP).

WHEN/WHERE:

May 26, 10:30 am at Lakewood Elementary

Qwest/CenturyLink Market Development Manager Carrie Amann and Lakewood Elementary School Principal Kristin Teberg will SURPRISE Ms. Fritch and Ms. Evavold-Bolf at a school assembly on May 26 at 10:30. Amann and Teberg will present the teachers with a large check for \$7,500 and will share an illustration of the SMART table to the students so they understand how this new technology will enhance their learning experience at Lakewood.

WHY:

"Access to technology is a must for students and teachers," said Qwest Spokeswoman Carrie Amann. "Educators need financial support to bring creative ideas for incorporating technology into their classrooms to life, so the Qwest Foundation offers Minnesota Teachers and Technology grants to advance those goals."

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